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" Demand,	3 82
" 30 days sight,	3 82
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Documentary & months' sight,	3 82
India, Wire,	2 23
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Shanghai, demand,	7 21
" 30 days sight, private,	7 31
Gold Leaf 999 fine,	527 70
Horologes,	90 40
<b>Temperatures.</b>	
<i>(Taken at Meer, Suva, &amp; Co. 12 mi. Queen's Road.)</i>	
<b>HONGKONG, September 26.</b>	
Barometer—	30.16
Do. 4 P.M.—	31.06
Do. 1 P.M.—	30.70
<b>TEMPERATURE—</b>	80
Do. 1 P.M.—	80
Do. 4 P.M.—	81
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.—	73
Do. Do. 1 P.M.—	73
Do. Do. 4 P.M.—	74
Do. Maximum—	82



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3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—  
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3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with each application unless it also is lost.

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Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

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Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.  
Half hour, 10 cts.  
Three hours, 50 cts.  
Six hours, 70 cts.  
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Four Coolies, 10 cts.  
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For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.  
Day Trip (Peak), \$0.75 each Coolie.  
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Quarter of an hour or less, 5 cts.  
Half an hour, 10 cts.  
One hour, 15 cts.  
Three hours, 50 cts.  
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